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Applicant: Akira KONDOU et al.

Title: STEERING SHAFT FOR ENERGY ABSORBING STEERING
COLUMN AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated June 6, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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